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SUBJ: GUINEAN INFLUENCE IN DAHOMEY

PARIS FOR AMBASSADOR ANDERSON

REF: LAGOS 2295

1. YOUR REPORT OF CONVERSATION WITH GUINEAN AMBASSADOR KOUROUMA
VERY INTERESTING. DOUBT MOST MEMBERS MRGD PREPARED FOLLOW
GUINEAN

STERN EXAMPLE OF TOTAL BREAK WITH FRANCE. DAHOMEANS USUALLY LIKE
HAVE CAKE AND EAT IT TOO. THEY WELL AWARE OF PRICE GUINEA PAID FOR
HER ASSERTION OF INDEPENDENCE IN 1958. MOREOVER, MRGD LEADERS
AWARE OF EVOLUTION IN FRENCH ATTITUDES SINCE INFLEXIBLE GAULLIST
DAYS OF 1958. THEY KNOW DRAMATIC BREAK WITH FRANCE NO LONGER
NEEDED
TO ASSERT INDEPENDENCE.

2. WOULD WELCOME ANY FURTHER INFO YOU MAY GET ON POSSIBLE GUINEAN
INFLUENCE ON MRGD. CERTAINLY THERE IS CONSIDERABLE RESPECT FOR
GUINEA AMONG DAHOMEAN PROGRESSIVE ELEMENTS.
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